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A. F. of L. Organization Policy For Mass Production Field Upheld by Morrison

Secretary-Treasurer of the American Federation of Labor, in Labor Day Address at Erie, Pa., Declares Scheme Advocated by Lewis Minority Group in Atlantic City Convention Violated Federation's Constitution; Upholds Executive Council and Tampa Convention in Suspending Ten C. I. O. Unions for Belonging to Dual Organization and Attempting to Make Effective a Policy Overwhelmingly Defeated by the 1935 A. F. of L. Convention.

Points Out That A. F. of L. Membership Has Increased 830,329 Since C. I. O. Group Was Suspended; Asserts That Many Trade Union Members Demonstrate Inherent Soundness of American Federation of Labor's Organization Policy, Which Holds That Members of Trade Unions Are Free to Chart Their Course "So Long as There May Be No Encroachment Upon the Equal Rights of Other Trades and Callings."

By A. F. of L. News Service.
A strong defense of the organization policy of the American Federation of Labor with regard to organizing the workers in mass production industries was made by Frank Morrison, secretary-treasurer of the A. F. of L., in his Labor Day speech at Erie, Pa., under the auspices of the Erie Central Labor Council.

Mr. Morrison spoke in Walden Park to a large audience estimated to number more than 20,000. In addition, a speech was broadcast over the Blue Network of the National Broadcasting Company.

"He declared that members of A. F. of L. unions 'have free to chart their course in whatever way they desire, so long as they are not encroaching upon the equal rights of other trades and callings.' He said that the action of the C. I. O. group in suspending the ten C. I. O. unions for belonging to dual organizations and attempting to make effective a policy overwhelmingly defeated by the 1935 A. F. of L. Convention was a violation of the principle of majority rule and democratic procedure in the labor movement."

C. I. O. Opposition to Majority Rule
Turning to the Committee for Industrial Organization, Mr. Morrison pointed out that it was the policy of the American Federation of Labor to support the organization policy adopted by a large majority of the delegates to the 1935 convention. He said that the C. I. O. group was attempting to overthrow the principle of majority rule and democratic procedure in the labor movement.

Mr. Morrison recounted the action of the A. F. of L. Executive Council and the Tampa convention of the American Federation of Labor in suspending the ten C. I. O. unions as well as the action of the Executive Council for establishing and promoting an organization dual to the American Federation of Labor.

He pointed out that since the justifiable action of the American Federation of Labor in suspending the C. I. O. unions as of September 6, 1935, "up to and including August 31, 1937, the membership of the unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, but not including the 10 that stand suspended, shows an increase of over 830,329 members."

In addition, Mr. Morrison emphasized the many members of A. F. of L. unions in recent years who have been able to secure flexible policy of the American Federation of Labor and its affiliated unions.

Following in the text of Mr. Morrison's Labor Day address covering the organizational policy of the American Federation of Labor, the controversy with the Committee for Industrial Organization, and the action of the A. F. of L. Executive Council and the Tampa Convention. He said that the A. F. of L. is an American labor union. It is the first and oldest non-sectarian organization of labor in this country.

Our labor movement sponsored the first organized effort for free schools, for the abolition of child labor, and for the initiative and referendum as a political policy for the benefit of the people. It has been the A. F. of L. that has been the most active in popular education, for the protection of workers' lives, for the protection of workers' health, for the protection of workers' property, for the protection of workers' income, for the protection of workers' freedom.

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C. I. O. PEACE PLEA MADE BY GREEN

A. F. of L. President Invites Ten Suspended Unions to Send Delegates to Denver Convention

By A. F. of L. News Service.
In a statement following the concluding session of the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor at the Quinsigamond Hotel in Atlantic City, N. J., William Green, president of the Federation, released a peace statement to the effect that the A. F. of L. would welcome the ten suspended C. I. O. unions to the Federation's annual convention in Denver beginning October 4, unless the question of craft unions and industrial unions is brought up for discussion at the floor of the convention.

Mr. Green said that if the ten unions, which were suspended by the Tampa convention of the American Federation of Labor last November for being a dual organization and disloyal to the American Federation of Labor, accepted the invitation it would mean that they were leaving the Committee for Industrial Organization. He stated that they were leaving with their increased membership. While expressing doubt that the charges would be recognized, he said that the ten unions would desert Lewis' Committee for Industrial Organization.

Mr. Green said that if they did so, the next step would be to ask the Executive Council to accept a joint committee from both groups to study the situation. He said that the light goes on the more complicated the issues become. He said that the light goes on the more complicated the issues become.

JOBBESS CENSUS BILL SIGNED BY ROOSEVELT
Approval Imposed On House-Trade House Committee Measures Provides For Voluntary Registration of Workers Wholly and Partially Unemployed On or Before April 1, 1939; Employment Status of Children Will Be Included.

Hyde Park, N. Y. (APINS).—President Roosevelt signed the bill providing for census of the unemployed on September 10. The bill provides for a census of the unemployed on or before April 1, 1939. The bill also provides for the inclusion of the employment status of children.

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A. F. of L. Council Attacks Labor Board For Voiding Electrical Workers Pact

Holds That Board's Action in Electric Products Company Case "Is in Violation of National Labor Relations Act"; Wagner Law Itself Not Criticized; The "Complaint is Against the Administration of the Act by the National Labor Relations Board."

By A. F. of L. News Service.
The National Labor Relations Board of the seventeen members of the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor in condemning the action of the National Labor Relations Board in declaring void the closed shop agreement between the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers of America and the Electric Products Corporation of America, Pa., which has 1,000 employees on its payroll, brought to the forefront the question of the legality and wisdom of the Board's interfering with contracts only made under the National Labor Relations Act.

The National Electric Products Corporation and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers signed the contract in question last May. It was challenged by the United Electrical and Radio Workers of America, a union claiming to represent the workers of the Electric Products Corporation. The National Labor Relations Board ruled in favor of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

The Tampa convention of the American Federation of Labor suspended for disloyalty the ten National and international unions which originally promoted the establishment of the C. I. O. and its dual organization procedure. The controversy over the Electric Products Corporation agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers was taken before the United States District Court for the northern district of Pennsylvania.

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By A. F. of L. News Service.
Dallas, Texas.
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F. OF L. COUNCIL ATTACKS LABOR BOARD

(Continued)

the American Federation of Labor, which is based in New York City, and the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, which is based in Chicago. The two unions are the only ones in the country that have a formal agreement with the railroad industry. The agreement, which was signed in 1934, provides for the unionization of railroad workers and the establishment of a system of labor relations. The unionization of railroad workers is a complex process, and it is one that has been the subject of much controversy. The railroad industry has long been a stronghold of anti-union sentiment, and it has been the target of many attacks from the government and the public. The unionization of railroad workers is a process that has been going on for many years, and it is one that is still in progress. The railroad industry is a large and powerful one, and it is one that has a long history of resistance to unionization. The unionization of railroad workers is a process that is still in progress, and it is one that is still the subject of much controversy.

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Retransferring the report made by the Executive Council to the Industrial organization on the resolution of the Executive Council.

Report, calling upon the Executive Council to take action to protect the workers, to make production of automobiles more efficient.

Effort by Van Vleet, A. F. of L. Constitution

The Executive Council was elected by the Minority Report would be in violation of provisions of the Constitution of the International Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America which was adopted in 1930 and became

Members of A. F. of L. Unions

The process of the merger of branches of trades into one organization has been going on for some time. The existence of the American Federation of Labor and in the records of the American Federation of Labor and Carpenters and Joiners and consolidations have taken place.

The Allied Metal Mechanical International Union of North America, the National Association of Machinists, and the International Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America, become part thereof.

The United Brotherhood of Wood Workers International Union became a part of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America. The Branch of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners was merged because it returned to amalgamate with the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners.

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Revoked by A. F. of L. Council

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